

**Great Plains Region Planning Workshop
Lakewood, Colorado, August 18, 2011**

Activity: Regional Meeting

Presenter(s): DOI Climate Science Center in Colorado and NOAA RISA in Oklahoma

Recorder: Fred Lipschultz, Senior Scientists, National Climate Assessment

Led by the DOI Climate Science Center in Colorado and a NOAA RISA component in Oklahoma, the region covers a swath of the central U.S. from Montana to the Gulf Coast. In conjunction with a planning meeting for the CSC, the potential leadership for the region met on August 18, 2011 in Lakewood, CO. Attended by a diverse suite of federal agencies, tribal representatives and academic institutions, the group learned about the NCA from Fred Lipschultz, the regional NCA coordinator, and discussed critical management issues for the northern and southern Great Plains. They are beginning to develop plans to cover the scope, history, and trends in the region, including social-ecological situation, natural resources and land use patterns, as well as demographic and socio-economic dynamics. Particular issues they identified include addressing: Natural Resource and Management Opportunities and Challenges, Biodiversity, Ecosystem, Wildlife and Habitat Considerations, Water and Land Management, and Rural-Urban Dynamics. Participants also suggested focused topical cross-cutting topics such as Tribal and rural landscapes, Extreme Events: seasonal and inter-annual dynamics on natural resources and disturbance regimes, Migratory birds/habitat change/water resources and Mountain to Plains: Regional Connectivity across social-biophysical-natural resources.